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et
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Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement du Royaume de Bahreïn et le Gouvernement de l'État d'Israël sur la coopération bilatérale en matière de recherche, de développement et d'innovation technologique. Manama, 14 février 2022

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

**ON BILATERAL COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION**

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of the State of Israel (the "**Parties**")

GUIDED by the principles enshrined in the "*Declaration of Peace, Cooperation and Constructive Diplomatic and Friendly Relations*" signed by the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel in Washington DC, on 15 September 2020;

REAFFIRMING the principles enshrined in the "*Abraham Accords Declaration*" signed by the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America in Washington DC, on 15 September 2020;

FURTHER to the "*Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic, Peaceful and Friendly Relations*" signed by the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel in Manama, on 18 October 2020, and in particular Article 4 thereof;

RECOGNIZING that the challenges of stimulating innovation and economic growth are of mutual concern to both Parties;

CONSIDERING the mutual interest in making progress in research, development or technological innovation ("**R&D**"), and the resulting advantages for both Parties;

DESIRING to enhance the States' capacities and industrial competitiveness through cooperation in R&D and to develop and strengthen economic and commercial cooperation between them;

DETERMINED to undertake a sustained effort to promote, facilitate and support joint R&D projects between businesses, corporations or other entities ("**Entities**") from the Kingdom of Bahrain and State of Israel;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I - Scope

1. The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as: "**MOU**") as agreed between the Parties are:
 - (a) To promote, directly and indirectly, activities of their respective relevant sectors to intensify bilateral R&D cooperation;
 - (b) To facilitate the identification of specific projects, partnerships or collaborations between Entities from both States that could lead to R&D cooperation including, but not limited to, cooperation between start-ups from both States;

- (c) To coordinate and focus suitable resources and programs to enhance, directly and indirectly, commercial industrial cooperation between both States;
 - (d) To establish a framework for support, including financial support, for activities which directly or indirectly foster or promote cooperation in R&D between Entities from the two States, leading to commercialization in the global market.
2. The implementation of this MOU and any activity hereunder shall be in accordance with the respective applicable laws, regulations, rules, procedures, programs, mechanisms or benefit plans applicable in the State of each Party including those of or set by the Implementing Authorities (as this term is defined in Article II below) as applicable and in accordance with the Parties' or the Implementing Authorities', as applicable, respective needs and subject to their budgets, or availability of funds for such purposes.
 3. This MOU shall not affect the present and future rights or obligations of the Parties, or the Implementing Authorities, arising from other international agreements, treaties and Memorandums of Understanding.

Article II - Cooperating Authorities

1. The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism on behalf of the Kingdom of Bahrain and The National Technological Innovation Authority on behalf of the State of Israel (the "**Implementing Authorities**"), shall be in charge of, and shall have the authority to perform any activity for, the implementation of this MOU and its objectives.
2. Each Implementing Authority shall be responsible for its respective costs arising from promoting and administering the objectives of this MOU such as but not limited to traveling expenses, organization of seminars and publications.

Article III –R&D Projects

1. The Parties within their competence and according to their applicable internal laws, regulations, rules, programs, procedures, mechanisms, benefit plans and availability of funds shall facilitate, support and encourage cooperation projects in R&D undertaken by Entities from both the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel, for joint R&D (including piloting projects) of innovative products or processes based on new innovative technologies to be commercialized in the global market (the "**Projects**").
2. Each applicant or partner to a Project will be subject to the provisions of the internal laws, regulations, rules, procedures, programs, mechanisms, benefit plans and instruments of support and financing applicable in its State with respect to assistance and funding of R&D provided by its Implementing Authority, including the level of support and the terms and conditions under which that support may be provided, and if applicable, the obligation to pay royalties.
3. The Implementing Authorities will be responsible for coordinating matters relating to this MOU. The Implementing Authorities will consult on a regular basis to work out the practical details to facilitate cooperation.

Article IV – Exchange of Information

1. The Parties may share information for the purpose of achieving the objectives and scope of this MOU, according to the form of cooperation agreed between the Parties.
2. Neither Party shall transmit, without the written approval of the other Party, information concerning the Projects, including information contained in applications or results obtained under the Projects, to a third person, organization, or country.

Article V - Facilitation of Projects and Other Means of Cooperation

The Parties may, directly or indirectly, facilitate, support, encourage or stimulate cooperation between Entities from both States, in the framework of this MOU including in the form of Projects. Such cooperation may comprise, inter alia, the following forms and methods:

- (a) Organization of meetings for Entities from both the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel to provide opportunities for joint cooperation;
- (b) Performance of any other activity agreed upon by the Implementing Authorities to promote possibilities for cooperation between Entities from both the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Israel.

Article VI - Dispute Settlement

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the application or interpretation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation.

Article VII - Amendments

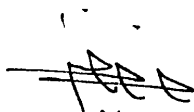
1. This MOU may be amended as may be required from time to time by mutual written consent of the Parties.
2. Any such amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures necessary for the entry into force of this MOU and shall constitute an integral part of this MOU.

Article VIII - Entry into Force

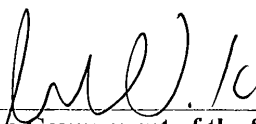
1. This MOU shall enter into force on the date of the latter of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Parties notify each other of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of the MOU.
2. This MOU shall remain in force until either Party terminates it. Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving the other Party at least six (6) months prior notice, in writing through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate the MOU.
3. The amendment or termination of this MOU shall not affect the validity of arrangements and contracts already concluded.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized, have signed this MOU.

Done in duplicate on Monday 14th February 2022, corresponding to the 13th day of Adar A of 5782, in the Hebrew calendar, and the 13 Rajab of 1443 in the Hijri calendar, In the English Language.



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